configuratively printing on top of said pattern a transparent or white-pigmented elastomer polymer layer capable of forming a hardened homogeneous unit with said colorant composition in the one- or multi-colored pattern, said elastomer polymer having a plasticizing point that is above the envisioned application temperature of the final transfer; and

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configuratively printing a heat-activatable thermoplastic polymeric glue layer on top of the transparent or white-pigmented elastomer layer or, while the elastomer layer is still wet, sprinkling a heat-activatable hot melt granulate on said elastomer layer.

2 ~~18~~. (Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~ 1, wherein said transparent elastomer polymer layer is applied in the form of an organic solution of a polyurethane.

3 ~~19~~. (Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~ 1, wherein said white elastomer polymer layer is applied in the form of an organic solution of a polyurethane which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment.

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4 ~~20~~. (Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~ 1, wherein said transparent elastomer polymer layer is applied in the form of an aqueous solution of a polyurethane.

5 ~~21~~. (Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~ 1, wherein said white elastomer polymer layer is applied in the form of an aqueous solution of a polyurethane which is pigmented with a white inorganic pigment.

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6 ~~22~~. (Twice amended) The method of claim ~~15~~ 1, wherein said glue layer is applied in the form of an organic solution of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C in which a hot melt powder of copolyamide or high density polyethylene having a melting point of 100-140 °C is dispersed in the ratio 1:1.

7 ~~23~~. (Twice amended) The method of claim ~~15~~ 1, wherein said glue layer is applied in the form of an aqueous solution of polyurethane thermoplastics having a plasticizing point in the range 120-160 °C in which a hot melt powder of copolyamide or high density polyethylene having a melting point of 100-140 °C is dispersed in the ratio 1:1.

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E4 9 26. (Amended) A textile product on which a one- or multi-colored pattern is attached by application of heat and pressure from a transfer prepared by the method of claim 15. 1

E5 11 68. (Amended) The method of claim 15, 1 wherein the elastomer polymer layer comprises a linear, fully reacted polyurethane on the basis of polyester.

Please add new claims 69-72 as follows:

12 69. (New) The method of claim 15 1 wherein said one- or multi-colored pattern is printed on the carrier sheet by means of a digitally controlled dry electrostatic color toner printer using thermoplastic powder color toners.

E6 13 70. (New) The method of claim 15 1 wherein said one- or multi-colored pattern is printed on the carrier sheet by means of a digitally controlled thermotransfer color printer using thermoplastic color toners.

14 71. (New) The method of claim 15 1 wherein said one- or multi-colored pattern is printed on the carrier sheet by means of a digitally controlled ink jet printer using liquid dye.

15 72. (New) The method of claim 15, 1 wherein said digitally controlled printing step prints a multi-colored pattern.

Remarks

Claims 2-8, 10, 14-16, 18-24, 26, and 67-72 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 9, 11-13, 17, 25, 65, and 66 were cancelled herein. Claims 69-72 were added herein. Claims 15, 18-23, 26, and 68 have been amended as shown above. The claims were amended to more fully clarify the invention. No new matter has been added by the amendments above. Specifically, support for the amendments to the claims related to "said printing being carried out in at least a single digital digitally controlled printing step" can be found at least at page 2, lines 33-36, and

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